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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CG, BE

SUBJ: BELGIAN-ZAIRIAN RELATIONS ON UPSWING?

REF: KINSHASA 2245

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED

1. BELGIAN WEEKLY "SPECIAL" FOR MAY 28 PUBLISHED RECENT INTERVIEW OF GOB FONMIN VAN ELSLANDE BY EDITOR OF BELGIAN PUBLICATION "KNACK". FONMIN AT FIRST DECLINED TO SPEAK ABOUT ZAIRE, BUT WAS THEN GOADED INTO MAKING FOLLOWING ASSERTIONS. 1) HE DISMISSED IDEA OF EUROPEAN COMMON FRONT LED BY BELGIAN PRIMIN TINDEMANS TO COME TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF MOBUTU WHOM INTERVIEWER DESCRIBED AS "IN GRAVE FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES".

2) HE ADMITTED THAT GOB AND GOZ AGREED MONTH AGO IN SPAIN TO END PUBLIC STATEMENTS FOR ONE MONTH. NEW TALKS WITH GOZ WILL TAKE PLACE SOON AT TINDEMANS/VAN ELSLANDE LEVEL AND NEWS BLACKOUT WILL BE LIFTED THEREAFTER (HENCE IN ONE TO THREE WEEKS). 3) INDEMNIFICATION FOR ZAIRIANIZED BELGIAN PROPERTY WILL BE ONE OF SUBJECTS

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RAISED WITH GOZ. AT THIS POINT A VERY UNCOMFORTABLE

VAN ELSLANDE BROKE OFF. REASON CLEARLY WAS CONTAINED  
IN HIS ANSWER TO EARLIER QUESTION IN WHICH HE SAID ANY  
PUBLIC STATEMENT HE MADE ON ZAIRE/BELGIUM RELATIONS OR  
ON ZAIRE'S INTERNAL PROBLEMS COULD ONLY HARM RELATIONS  
BETWEEN TWO STATES. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. BELGIAN EMBASSY HERE TELL US  
THERE HAS BEEN SOME THAW IN GOB/GOZ RELATIONS OF LATE.  
IT IS CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT OUTCOME OF A FORTH-  
COMING FORMAL MEETING. COULD NOT GIVE DATE NOR CONFIRM  
THAT MEETING WOULD IN FACT BE AT TINDEMANS LEVEL. BELGIAN  
EMBASSY STILL HAS NO FIRM INDICATION WHEN AMBASSADOR  
KERREMANS WILL RETURN.  
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